

Coginchaug Little League Board Meeting

October 11, 2016

Attendees: Stephanie Berry, Rick Mach, Deb Mariani, Rick Quirk, Amy Moore, Renee Donlan, Andy Kleczkowski, Henry Bugaj, Nick Faiella, Steve DeMartino, Scott Strang, Chris Meisenkothen, Keith Pascarelli, Joe Fournier, Mike Mancini, John Kelly, Howard Weisberg, Megan Murello, Tom Wameister, John Leonard, Bob Case

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm

Director reports

President:

Little League eliminated 17/18 year old 'Big League' level.

Comment of press reports related to Durham-Middlefield Falcons football coach. This could happen to any league. Need to handle statements carefully if anything like that happens with our organization.

State of the League since two years ago: enrollment down 8-10%, matching school enrollment decline. T-ball was up 10 players since prior year – might indicate future improvement.

Three goals for CLL: be fiscally responsible, socially responsible, and do well on the field. Our league has done well on all three. Some examples:

- Spending has been under budget and we have some money available for larger projects.
- We've spent \$8-9 thousand on improvements to the softball fields, which benefits CRHS. Continued our two annual scholarships. Provided a donation to the Durham Fire Department. Donated money to help provide water to the CRHS varsity baseball field.
- 2016 was a great year on the field. Including the tournament teams. D9 titles for 12U SB, 12U BB, Sect 3 runner up 12U SB, Sect 3 champs 50-70 and 12U BB, State Runner Up 12U BB, State title 50-70. Particularly impressive for a league with only 11,000 total population.

Treasurer report: \$20,005 in main account. \$270 in checks to deposit. Concessions account has \$21k.

Durham Fair report: over \$11k in profit likely. We have some leftover items to sell off. Our booth's walk in freezer is broken. Worst case is \$10k for major replacement.

Fall ball: tournaments are scheduled. Fall ball season has been a success.

Majors softball: Tryouts next Tuesday (Oct 18) and following Tuesday (Oct 25)

Fields: field closure likely to be first or second week of November.

Possible spending needs:

- Charter fees: approximately \$1,200. Required expense.

- District dues: \$300-\$700. Required expense.
- Stone dust needed for warning tracks – about \$1,000. Steve DeMartino motioned to vote on this expense, motion seconded by Joe Fournier. Approved by unanimous vote.
- Upgrade foul poles at Atwell, to add fins. Cost is \$799 for 12 foot high poles, \$999 for 15 foot poles. Suggest start at Atwell, and then upgrade Peckham if desired. Joe Fournier motioned to vote on this expense, seconded by Rick Mach. Approved by unanimous vote.
- Suggest permanent signs to display our league's tournament successes over the years. (the banners decay if left out permanently). Initial thought is to purchase three, estimate is \$300 each. Further investigation planned.
- Herzog scoreboard needs to be repaired. Not clear if this is an electrical problem or a scoreboard problem.
- Longer term needs: paint Atwell and Herzog dugouts. Repair and resod Atwell outfield. Install irrigation at Atwell and Herzog – water from Main Street should be available in about a year. Estimates are \$5-6k for sprinkler system, including controls. Coginchaug soccer club recently installed some irrigation, they will be a good source for information and references.

Board Elections:

Scott Strang recognized and thanked three non-returning board members: Amy Moore, Renee Donlan, and Keith Pascarelli.

- President: Scott Strang nominated by Nick Faiella. Nomination seconded, Scott elected president by unanimous vote.
- Vice President: Steve DeMartino nominated by Andy Kleczkowski. Nomination seconded, Steve elected by unanimous vote.
- Treasurer: Chris Meisenkothen nominated by Joe Fournier. Nomination seconded, Chris elected by unanimous vote.
- Secretary: John Leonard nominated by Joe Fournier. Nomination seconded, John elected by unanimous vote.
- Majors Baseball Director: Joe Fournier nominated by Rick Mach. Nomination seconded, Joe elected by unanimous vote.
- Majors Softball Director: Mike Mancini nominated by Steve DeMartino. Nomination seconded, Mike elected by unanimous vote.
- Minors Baseball Director: Board discussed the minors structure and decided to keep AA and AAA together, with two co-directors. Andy Kleczkowski nominated by Renee Donlan. Nomination seconded, Andy elected by unanimous vote. Howard Weisberg nominated by Chris Meisenkothen. Nomination seconded, Howard elected by unanimous vote.
- Minors Softball Director: Deb Mariani nominated by Renee Donlan. Nomination seconded, Deb elected by unanimous vote.
- Farm (A) Baseball Director: Megan Murello nominated by Chris Meisenkothen. Nomination seconded, Megan elected by unanimous vote.
- Farm Softball Director: no nominations received. Position open.
- T-ball Director: no nominations received. Position open.
- 50/70 Baseball Director: no nominations received. Position open.

- Juniors Softball Director: Steve DeMartino nominated by John Leonard. Nomination seconded, Steve elected by unanimous vote.
- Player Agent: John Kelly nominated by Steve DeMartino. Nomination seconded, John elected by unanimous vote.
- Durham Fair Coordinator: Rick Quirk nominated by Chris Meisenkothen. Nomination seconded, Rick elected by unanimous vote.
- Safety Director: Mike Donlan nominated by John Kelly. Nomination seconded, Mike elected by unanimous vote.
- Equipment Director: Tom Wameister nominated by Chris Meisenkothen. Nomination seconded, Tom elected by unanimous vote.
- Fields Director: Rick Mach nominated by John Leonard. Nomination seconded, Rick elected by unanimous vote.
- Concessions Director: no nominations received. Position open.
- Fall Ball Director: Stephanie Berry nominated by Chris Meisenkothen. Nomination seconded, Stephanie elected by unanimous vote.
- Sponsorship Director: Stephanie Berry nominated by Steve DeMartino. Nomination seconded, Stephanie elected by unanimous vote.
- Web Site Coordinator: no nominations received. Position open.
- Director At Large: Nick Faiella nominated by Rick Mach. Nomination seconded, Nick elected by unanimous vote.

Steve DeMartino moved to adjourn meeting, Andy Kleczkowski seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:20.